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***Joy Luck Club* Pre-Viewing Homework**

This movie has four stories of four mothers and daughters. The mothers were born and raised in China before 1949; their daughters are born and raised in America. Read about the movie and summarize each of the four stories below. (about 50 words for each story)

Suyuan – June

Lindo – Waverly

Anmei – Rose

Yingying - Lena

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1. At the very beginning of the movie there is a parable, a story about a Chinese woman who buys a swan to take with her to America. What does this parable mean to you?
The transcript of the movie is at
http://www.script-o-rama.com/movie_scripts/j/joy-luck-club-script-transcript.html

2. Which of the stories means the most to you when you think about this movie? Why?

3. In an argument between June and her mother, Suyuan, about playing piano, Suyuan says “The two kinds of daughter, obedient or follow your own mind, the one kind of daughter I believe in this house, obedient kind.” Do you agree with Suyuan or do you think June should be allowed to follow her own mind?

A Chinese-American mother, Amy Chua has just written a book about raising her daughters that has caused a lot of discussion in the US. Find out about the book and tell what you think Amy Chua would say.

4. Write a question from the movie that you would like to have the class discuss and give your own answer.